

The amendments above were made to correct a typographical error in which a minus sign that should have been entered as a superscript was, instead, erroneously entered as a dash. This amendment clearly does not add new matter to the application, and its entry is therefore respectfully requested.

It is believed that the present application is now in condition for immediate allowance and early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call may help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (202) 861-3020.

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Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

The first full paragraph on page 5 was amended as follows:

Carbon blacks modified in a polar manner (e.g., with $-\text{SO}_3^-$ groups [$-\text{SO}_3^-$ groups]) can be better dispersed in non-polar systems, with precedence water.

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